generating five crore-employment opportunities in the Tenth Plan. It identified sectors/subsectors with employment potential like agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health.

Expenditure on computerisation and information dissemination

†*337. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved two to three per cent expenditure on computerisation and information dissemination works out of the annual budgetary allocation made to various Ministries/ Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of expenditure on the above works out of the allocated amount during the year 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has not approved any specific allocation for computerisation and information dissemination for the various Ministries/Departments. However, on the recommendation of the "Expert Group for Computerisation of the Information on Personnel and Citizen Services" set up by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, the Planning Commission had requested the various Ministries/Departments in April, 1998, to make a provision of 2-3% of their plan/budget for programmes/schemes relating to Information Technology.

(c) Does not arise.

Highway from Agartala to Bangladesh

*338. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government had some time back conceptualized a plan to construct a Highway from Agartala to the nearest town in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plan has since been shelved;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Extradition Treaty with various countries

*339. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 258 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of criminals have taken shelters in many countries and the Extradition Treaty with these countries have not yielded any results for deportation of these criminals to India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is actively pursuing the return of fugitive offenders in foreign countries and in the last 7 years, 17 fugitive offenders have been sent back to India by foreign Governments. The Government's policy is to enter into Extradition Treaties with as many countries as possible in order to establish a legal framework for bringing back fugitive offenders.

Transfer of industries to private hands due to disinvestment policy

*340. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state: